

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

I. General Remarks.

Claims 1-59 are pending in this application. Claims 18-26, 29-50 and 51-59 have been withdrawn due to a restriction requirement. Applicants reserve the right to present claims 18-26 and 29-59 in one or more divisional applications.

II. Restriction /Election Requirement

A Restriction requirement was issued by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner identified four groups of claims, namely, Group I comprising claims 1-17, 27 and 28 drawn to particulates comprising silica and aluminum oxide with at least one void, classified in class 428, subclass 403; Group II comprising claims 18-26 drawn to a method of making the aforementioned particulate, classified in class 264, subclass 109; Group III comprising claims 29-50 drawn to a method of fracturing a subterranean formation using two fluids, wherein one of the fluids contains the aforementioned particulate, classified in class 166, subclass 308.1; and Group IV comprising claims 51-59, drawn to a method of installing a gravel pack with a composition that includes the aforementioned particulate, classified in class 166, subclass 278.

Applicant's elect the claims of Group I, namely 1-17, 27 and 28, without traverse.

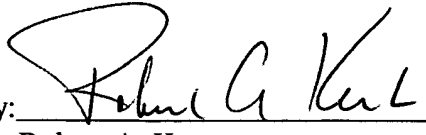
SUMMARY

In light of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 1-17, 27 and 28. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail.

Applicants believe that there are no fees due in association with this filing of this Amendment and Response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner

accept this as a Petition Therefor, and direct that any additional fees be charged to Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., Deposit Account No. 08-0300.

Respectfully submitted,

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